

# **GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS**

## **Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes**

### **December 16, 2022**

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists met via teleconference/ZOOM Friday, December 16, 2022. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

#### **Members Present:**

Marsha B. Sauls, Ph.D. – President  
William F. Doverspike, Ph.D.  
Emily Burton, Ph.D.  
Scott C. Smith, Psy.D.

#### **Members Absent:**

George Bratcher, Consumer Member  
Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D. – Vice-President

#### **Administrative Staff Present:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist  
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor

#### **Assistant Attorney General:**

Bryon Thernes, AAG  
Elizabeth Simpson, AAG (Exec. Session)

#### **Visitors Present:** (Open Session)

Gayle Spears, PhD., GPA  
Richard Elias

**Dr. Marsha Sauls, President, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.**

**Agenda:** Approve with no additional items

#### **Georgia Psychological Association - Liaison Report:**

Dr. Spears provided updates on ongoing GPA activities and upcoming events.

#### **Correspondence:**

- M. Schmidt – CE - *The training activity could meet the requirements of Area I (Academic Courses) if the licensee submits a graduate transcript showing the course taken and passing grade. The activity could meet the requirements of Area II (Ongoing Peer Consultation) if the licensee submits all of the documentation described in Rule 510-8-.02 (3)(b), including but not limited to a contemporaneous log with a list of dates attended, topics discussed, location, identification of participants, and number of hours.*

**Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to respond to all correspondences as presented. None opposed, motion carried**

#### **Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:**

- S. Whitson – Rule 510-5-.10

#### **Recommendation:**

Grant as discussed

**Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for S. Whitson as discussed and presented. None opposed, motion carried**

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

- November 18, 2022 C.C./Zoom Board Meeting

#### **Recommendation:**

Approve as Presented

**Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the November 18, 2022 Conference Call/Zoom Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Application Ratify List:** Issued Date: 11/18/2022 - 12/14/2022

| License No.       | Licensee                  |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| PSY004662         | Mary Elizabeth McCullough |
| PSY004663         | Syb Jenny Pongracic       |
| PSY004664         | Dennis O'Keith McLeod     |
| PSY004665         | Carlyn Marie Daubs        |
| PSY004666         | Kristin Annette Niel      |
| PSY004667         | Joonsung Joshua Kim       |
| PSY004668         | Devika Basu               |
| PSY003912 (Rein.) | Alonso Romero             |
| <b>Total:</b>     | <b>8</b>                  |

**Dr. Smith motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratification list as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) (1) (2), §43-1-2-(k) (3) (4), §50-14-2(1) and §43-1-2 (k) (4) to review the Cognizant (complaint) and AG reports, review the prior meetings executive session minutes, review/deliberate on applications and oral exams. Voting in favor were Board members Sauls, Doverspike, Smith and Burton.**

**At the conclusion of the Executive Session on December 19, 2022, Dr. Sauls declared the meeting “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No Board votes obtained during Executive Session.**

**Cognizant – Complaint Report:**

- **Recommend Closure:** PSYC220032
- **Refer to Investigations/Pending Investigative Report:** PSYC220014
- **Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** PSYC200029 & PSYC20010 (Companion Cases)  
PSYC220024, PSYC230009, PSYC230013

**Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve all the recommendations of the Cognizant as presented. None opposed, motion carried**

**Attorney General's Report:**

Bryon Thernes, Esq., AAG provided a status report for Board review and discussion.

**Recommendation:**

- PSYC220035 & PSYC230007 Pending additional information

**Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Assistant Attorney General's reports as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Applications:**

- J.L.

**Recommendation:**

Approve to sit for exam(s)

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| • M.A.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • R.F.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • S.G.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • A.M.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • K.E.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • D.F.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • L.Q.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • L.D.W | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • K.B.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • A.H.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • C.W.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • R.G.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • M.R.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • A.P.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • G.A.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • A.C.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • S.G.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • L.L.  | Approve to sit for exam(s)   |
| • A.C.  | Approve-Pending receipt of additional information                      |
| • L.H.  | Approve-Pending receipt of additional information; Refer back to ASPPB |

**Dr. Smith motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on all applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Board Administered Oral Exams:** - Board Administered Oral Exams - Recommendation: The December Oral Exams will be administered between December 19, 2022 and 30th of 2022. The Board voted in open session for the administrative staff to issue licenses to those passing the Oral Exam if all else is in order and upon staff notification by exam administrator Dr. L. Campbell. The Board will ratify the recommendations and issuances of the December Oral Exam candidates during their scheduled January 20, 2023 scheduled meeting.

**Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the recommendations of the December oral examination candidates upon completion by Dr. Campbell as presented . None opposed, motion carried.**

**Exec. Session Correspondence:**

- L.H. - *The Georgia Board does not approve, endorse, or recommend training programs or respecialization programs. Please contact your university to determine if it meets the requirements as outlined in Board Rule 510-2-.01*

**Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations and respond as directed to the correspondences as presented . None opposed, motion carried.**

**PLB Legal Section ADA Accommodations**

- Memo of ADA Accommodation granted between meetings by the PLB Legal Section

**Recommendation:**

Ratify list of approved individual provided by PLB legal section.

**Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the ADA accommodations granted by the PLB Legal Section between meetings as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**2020-2022 Renewal Issues:**

- A.P.
- I.I.
- N.W.
- C.P.
- R.K.
- H.D.
- B.A.

**Recommendation:**

Pending receipt of additional information  
Approve  
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Approve

**Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on the 2020-2022 renewal issues as presented . None opposed, motion carried.**

**Executive Session Meeting Minutes:**

- November 18, 2022 C.C./ZOOM Board Meeting

**Recommendation:**

Approve as presented

**Dr. Smith motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the November 18, 2022 ZOOM Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.**

**Minutes recorded by:**

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

**Minutes reviewed, and edited by:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

**MARSHA SAULS, Ph.D.**

President

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN**

Executive Director Healthcare 1

Minutes approved on: **January 20, 2023**